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Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary
Kansas Department of Health & Environment
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Dear Mr. Bremby:

This letter responds to the submission from Kansas on August 6, 2003 with revisions received September 10, 2003, of 30 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for water bodies in the Smoky Hill/Saline and the Solomon River Basins which were identified on the 1998 Kansas §303(d) list. In addition to fulfilling the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for those waters listed on a state's §303(d) list, this submission was made pursuant to Paragraph 7 of the Consent Decree entered on April 13, 1998, by Judge Lungstrum.

EPA has completed its review of the TMDLs with supporting documentation and information. By this letter EPA approves the 30 TMDLs submitted for the water bodies identified in the enclosure. Enclosed with this letter are Region 7 TMDL Decision Documents which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of each of these 30 TMDLs. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed documents adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety. It is also noteworthy that Kansas is ahead of the schedule set in the Consent Decree.

EPA appreciates the thoughtful effort that Kansas has put into these TMDLs, and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Kansas to develop the remaining TMDLs. The TMDLs that Kansas submitted are very good examples of State government working with full participation and coordination with other State Agencies, and meaningful public participation. EPA continues to look forward to working with Kansas to develop and implement solutions to water quality problems in the State.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Alderman
Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

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